

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of NICOLETTE CAMILLE PERRY,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

TILGHMON C. PERRY, JR.,

Respondent-Appellant.

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September 16, 2003

No. 247316
Ingham Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 00-044371-NA

Before: Smolenski, P.J., and Murphy and Wilder, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii). We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory ground for termination had been proved by clear and convincing evidence. *In re IEM*, 233 Mich App 438, 450; 592 NW2d 751 (1999). Respondent began visiting the child five months after she entered foster care but quit after four months. He later left the state and made no effort to seek custody for at least six months. Further, the trial court did not err in finding that termination of respondent's parental rights was not contrary to the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 354, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Therefore, the trial court did not clearly err in terminating respondent's parental rights. *Id.* at 356-357.

Affirmed.

/s/ Michael R. Smolenski
/s/ William B. Murphy
/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder